

Amended Draft

Name of Organization: Nevada Board of Agriculture

Date and Time of Meeting: March 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 So. 21st. Street
Sparks, NV 89431-5557
775-353-3601

Minutes March 4, 2014

Board Members Present:

Dave Stix, Jr., Chairman
Paul Anderson, Vice Chairman
Jim Snyder
Boyd Spratling
Paul Noe
Timothy Dufferena
Ramona Morrison
Brian Nakaguchi
Charlie Frey
Alan Perazzo
Pete Paris

Board Members Absent:

None

Guests Present:

Mark Jensen
Audrey Spratling
Cliven Bundy
Carol Bundy
JJ Goicoechea, DVM
Leanne Stitzel

Staff Members Present:

Jim Barbee, Director
Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General
Gina Breslow
Dale Hansen
Flint Wright
Donnell Barton
Dave Jones
Damon Hernandez
Robert Leavitt
Jeff Sutich
Tatjana Vukovic
Amber Smyer
Jay Ludlow
Shawn McFalls
Robert Little
Dawn Rafferty
Jamie Greer
Ashley Jeppson

1. Open meeting-call to order by Chairman Dave Stix, Jr. at 9:06 am

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll call

C. Oath of Office for New and Reappointed Board Members:

Ramona Morrison, Member at Large – Reappointed Term: 7/25/2013 to 6/30/2016

Jim Snyder, Row Crops – Reappointed Term: 7/25/2013 to 6/30/2016

Alan Perazzo, Dairy Industry – Reappointed Term: 1/30/2014 to 10/31/2016

Brian Nakaguchi, Pesticides – Reappointed Term – 11/01/2013 to 10/31/2016

Pierre “Pete” Paris – Sheep Industry – Appointed Term: 1/13/2014 to 10/31/2016

2. Public Comment – none

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve December 5, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes (*for possible action*)

Jim Snyder Moves to Approve, Boyd Spratling Seconds; Motion passes unanimously

4. Directors Report

- A. Update to Board – Jim Barbee, Director – Report attached (*for information*)
B. Marketing & Communications Update – Bob Conrad (*for information*) Delayed –see below
C. Ag Report - Tatjana Vukovic – (*for information*)
D. International Marketing Update – Jeff Sutich (*for information*)
E. Introduction of New Agriculture Literacy Coordinator staff member, Amber Smyer

5. Administration

- A. Update to Board – Dale Hansen, Administrator (*for information*)

***Item 4.B. Marketing & Communications Update – Bob Conrad (*for information*)**

6. Plant Industry

- A. Update to Board – Dawn Rafferty, Administrator (*for information*)
B. *Request Board Approval for use of Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account Funds to refund Travel expenses (not to exceed \$5000) for two NV alfalfa seed producers who attended the National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance Washington D.C. Fly-in event on 2/11/14-2/13/14.
(*for possible action*)

Paul Noe motions to Approve, Jim Snyder Seconds; Motion passes unanimously

- C. *Request Board Approval for payment of the 2014 NAFA dues, when assessed, from the Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account. (*for possible action*)

Ramona Morrison moves to Approve, Paul Anderson Seconds; Motion passes unanimously.

- D. *Adoption of permanent NAC 587.340 change to Certificate of Origin, adding \$25 fee for processing. Board approved Temporary Regulation due to timing with session. The process was repeated to become permanent. No changes to original submission. (*for possible action*)

Ramona Morrison moves to Approve, Paul Noe Seconds; Motion passes unanimously

- E. *Request Permission to go to workshop and hearing for NAC 555 changes related to Pest Control Operator licensing. Presenter, Robert Leavitt, Las Vegas (*for possible action*)

Charlie Frey moves to Approve, Paul Noe Seconds; Motion passes unanimously

- F. *Request Permission to go to workshop and hearing for NAC changes to 555.010 to amend noxious weed list. Presenter, Robert Little (*for possible action*)

Ramona Morrison moves to Approve, Paul Noe Seconds, Motion passes unanimously.

7. Consumer Equitability

- A. Update to Board – Dave Jones, Administrator (*for information*)

B. NAC 581 Public Hearing March 20, 2014 – Notice of Intent to Act (*for information*)

8. Food & Nutrition

A. Update to Board – Donnell Barton, Administrator (*for information*)

9. Animal Industries

A. Update to Board – Flint Wright, Administrator (*for information*)

B. *Nevada Wool Growers Association 12/1/13 Letter of Request for balance of monies

C. 2013-14 Budget- \$36,058.46. (*for possible action*)

Charlie Frey moves to Approve, Boyd Spratling Seconds; Motion passes unanimously

D. *Review of NAC Trichomoniasis Regulations Re: Notification of Neighboring Herds (*for possible action*) State Veterinarian Mike Greenlee Presents. After discussion:

Boyd Spratling Motions to Approve:

“State Veterinarian will notify all Category Two Veterinarians in the State of Nevada of Herds under “HOLD ORDER” and The State will notify all Neighboring Herds of the potential “HOLD ORDER” based on the Epidemiology Investigation”

Ramona Morrison Seconds; Motion passes unanimously

E. Report to Board from Director Barbee and Deputy Attorney General, Dennis Belcourt, on Resource Management Plan as it pertains to Agency Status and Coordination to find if Board has legal standing on this issue
(*for information*)

F. Report to Board from Deputy Attorney General, Dennis Belcourt, on legal foundation for Documents and Statements presented to Board from Constituents at 12/5/13 meeting regarding BLM Winnemucca Office EOU Grazing Agreements as it pertains to private lands (*for information*)

10. Board Member Presentations

A. *Ramona Morrison – Submission of Letter from N-6 Grazing board Chairman, Hank Filippini to State Bar of Nevada, Re: *Estate of Michael David Adams vs. Susan Fallini*, Case No. CV24539. Ramona requests open discussion and suggestion that Ag Board write letter to State Bar to request Disciplinary Action in this matter regarding “Gross Misrepresentation” of Nevada Open Range Law, and serious violations of rules of ethics. (*for possible action*)
Tabled for Next Meeting

B. **Director’s Evaluation – (for possible action)*

Director Barbee’s evaluation letter was submitted from Chairman David Stix, Jr., giving a vote of confidence from the entire Board, signed and dated by Chairman David Stix, Jr.

Alan Perazzo moves to Approve, Ramona Morrison Seconds; Motion passes unanimously

11. Public Comment

- Email from Paul Tamera to Mike Stremmler entered into record by Jim Barbee
- Cliven Bundy from Las Vegas: Has two Trespass Counts against him & his cattle are being seized and says NDA is cooperating. Is there a Memorandum Of Understanding with the Department of Interior? Does the Board know about the “Service” on NDA?

12. Adjournment

Discussion: Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 9am in Sparks.

Alan Perazzo moves to Adjourn, Jim Snyder Seconds; Motion passes unanimously
Chairman Stix, Jr. adjourns meeting at 3:38pm.